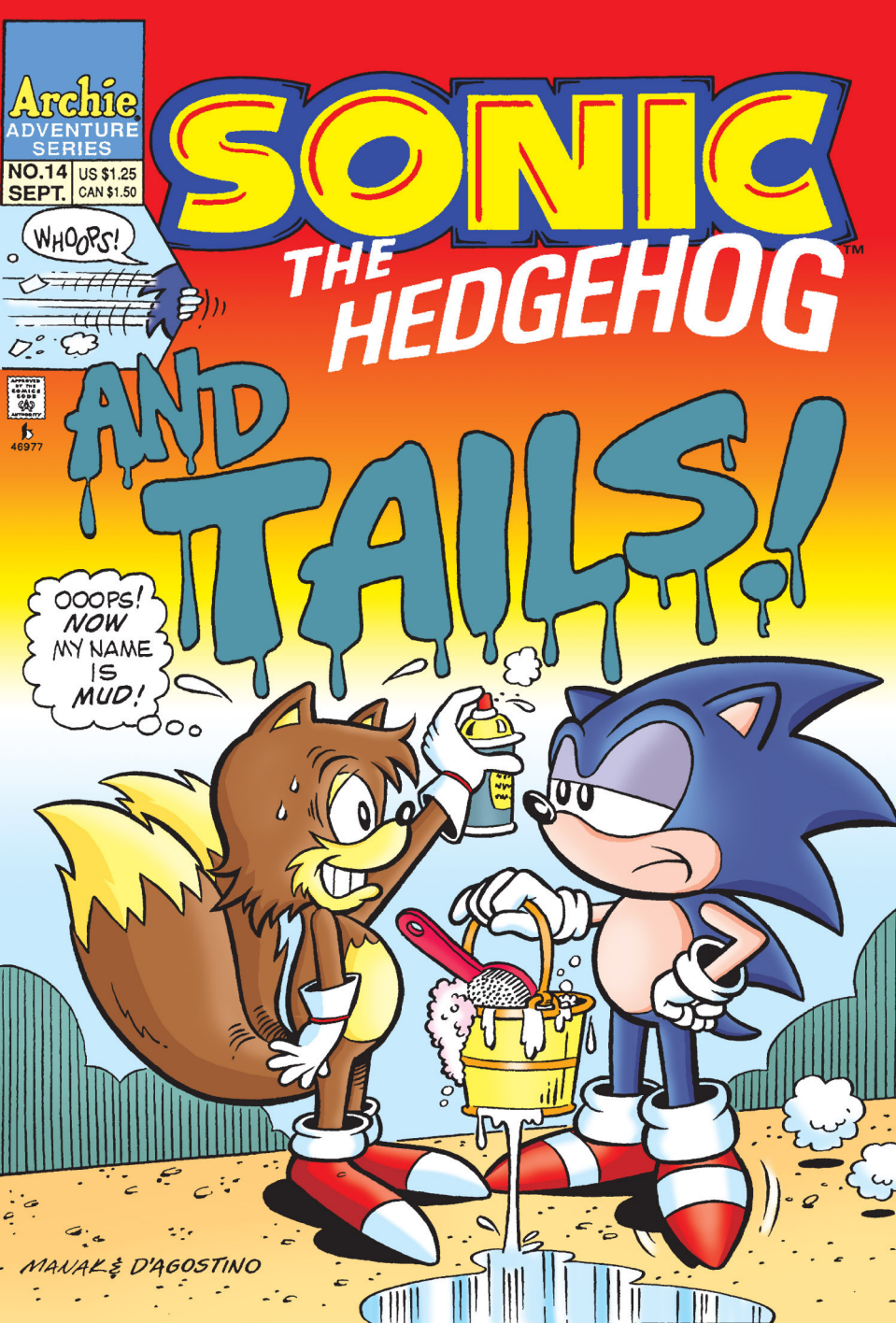
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OOOPS! NOW MY NAME IS MUD!
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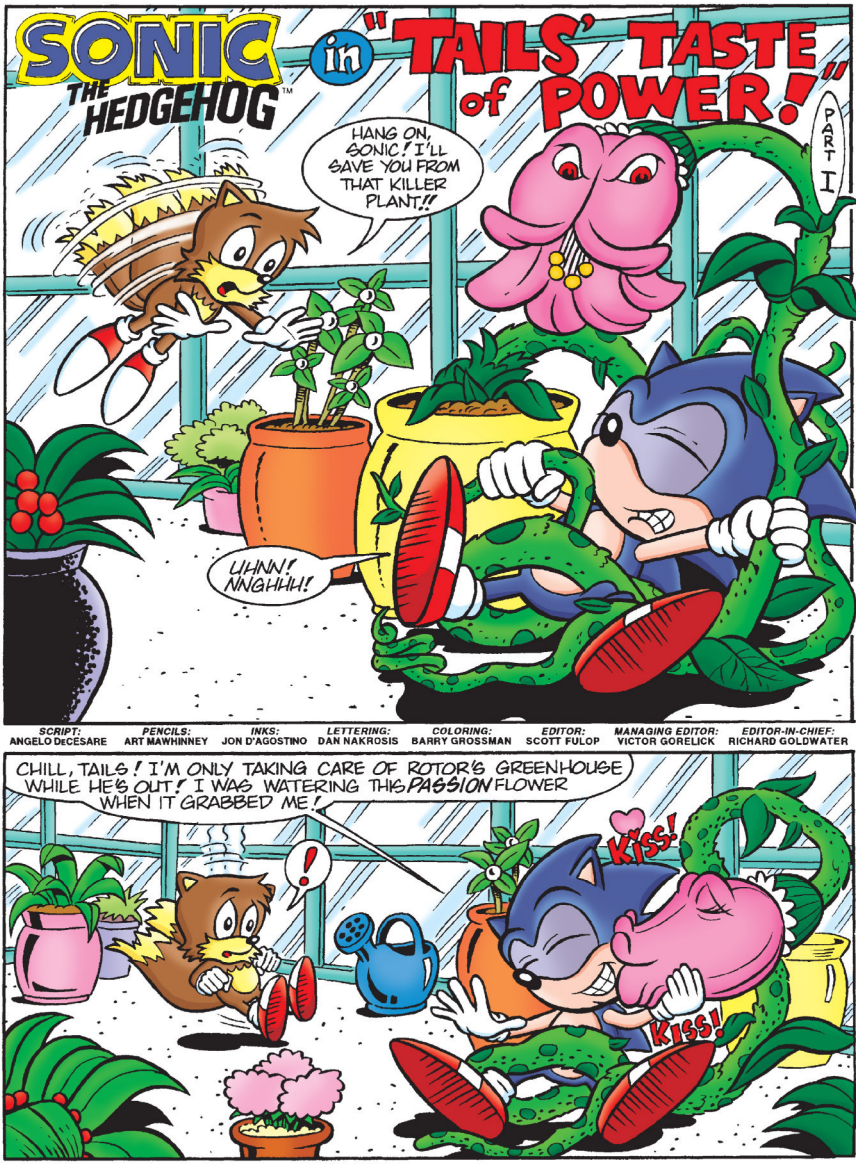
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
in "TAILS' TASTE of POWER!"
PART I
HANG ON, SONIC! I'LL SAVE YOU FROM THAT KILLER PLANT!!
UHNN! NNGHHH!
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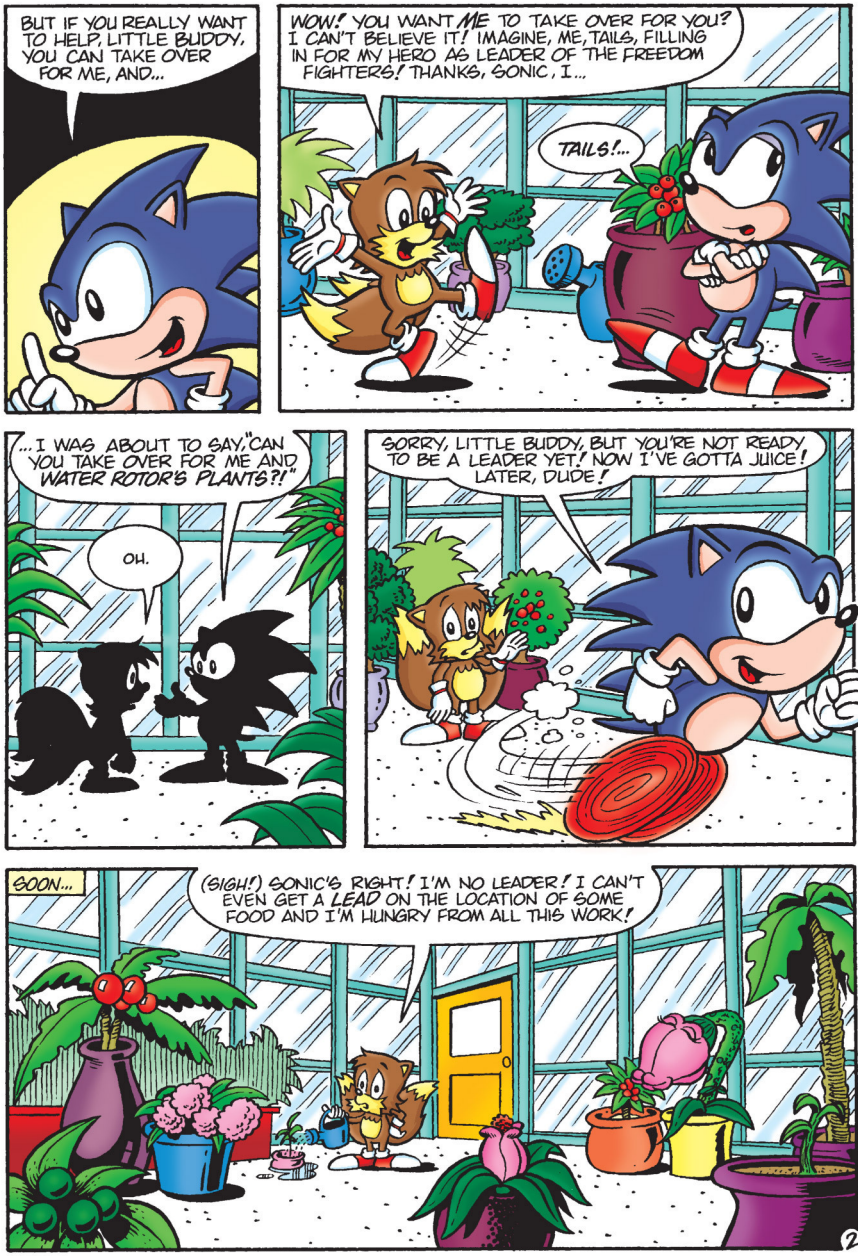
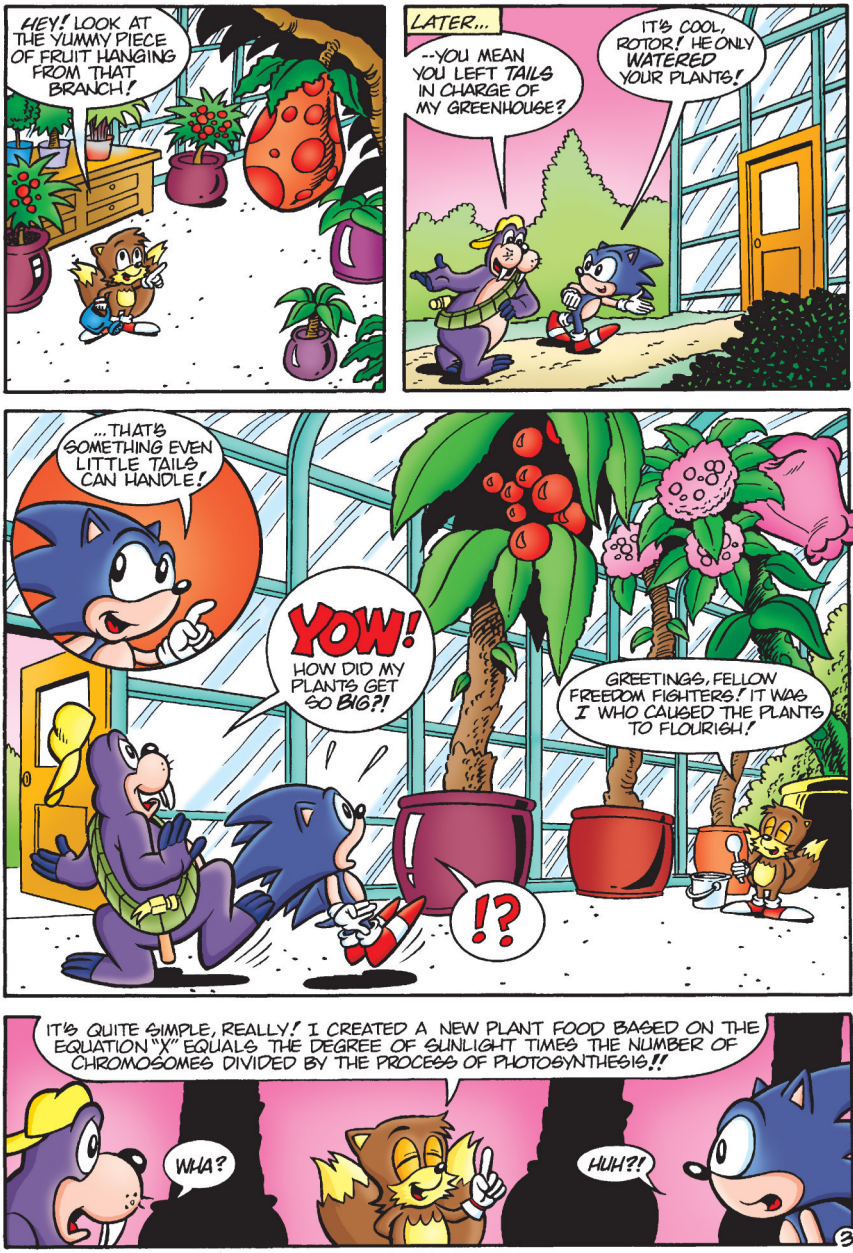
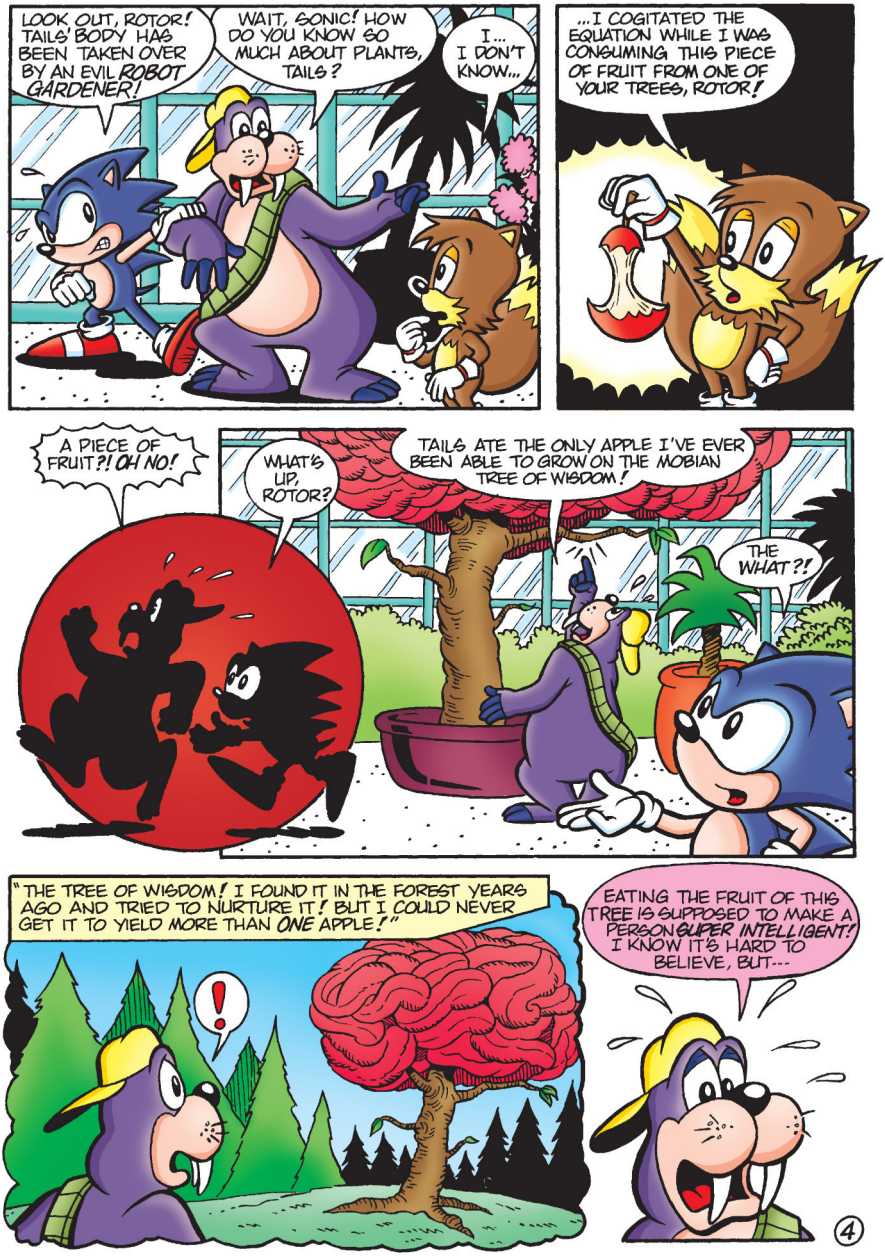
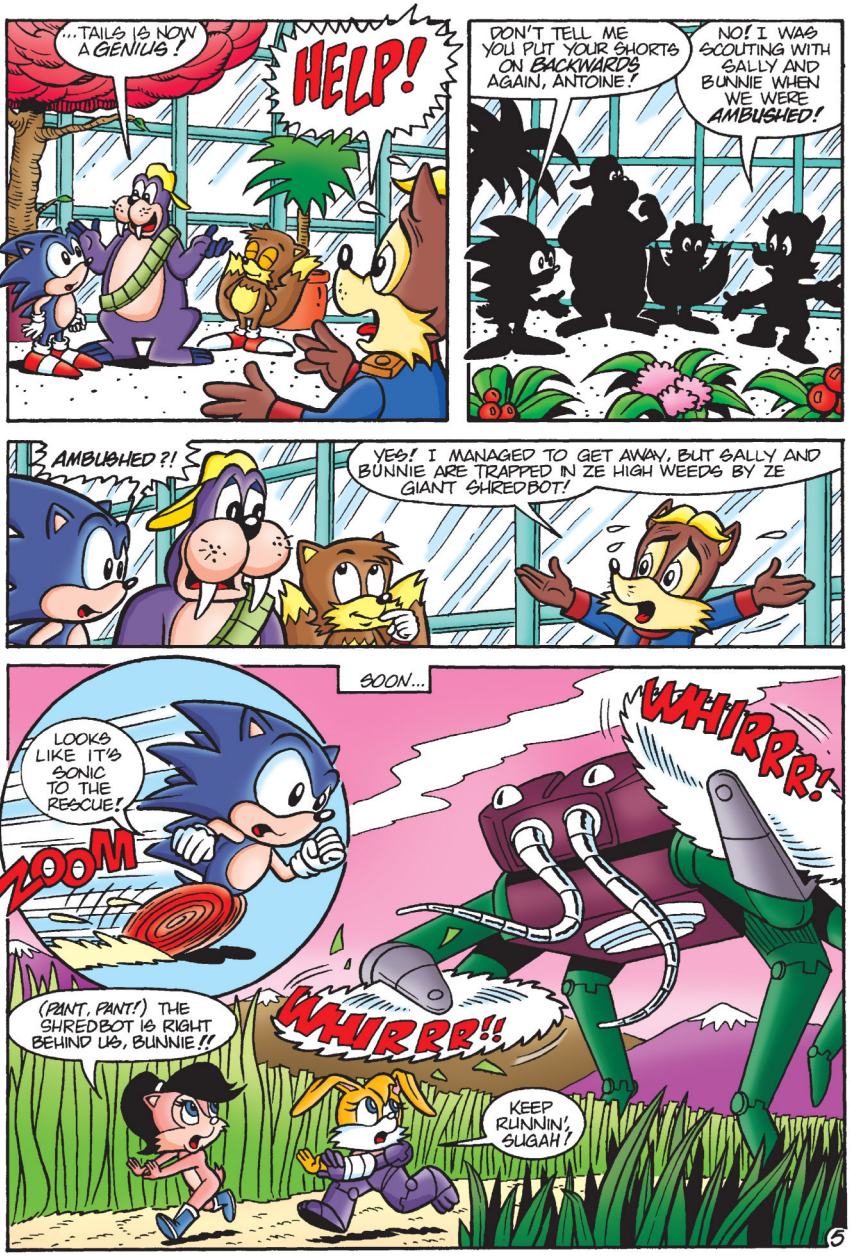
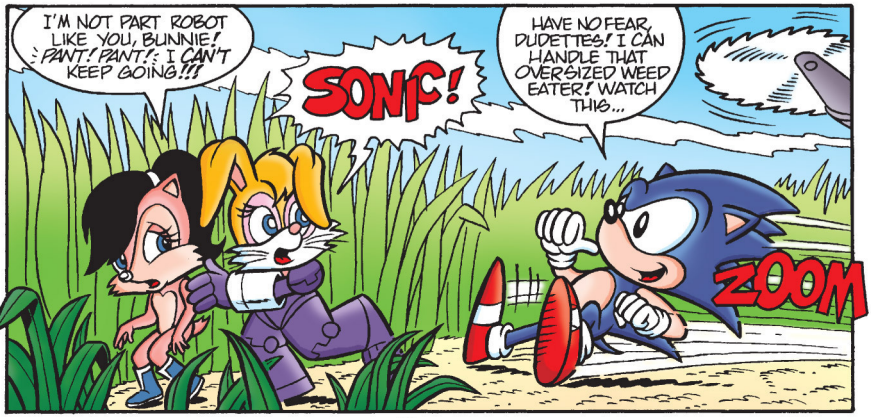
CHILL, TAILS! I'M ONLY TAKING CARE OF ROTOR'S GREENHOUSE WHILE HE'S OUT! I WAS WATERING THIS PASSION FLOWER WHEN IT GRABBED ME!
!
KISS!
KISS!

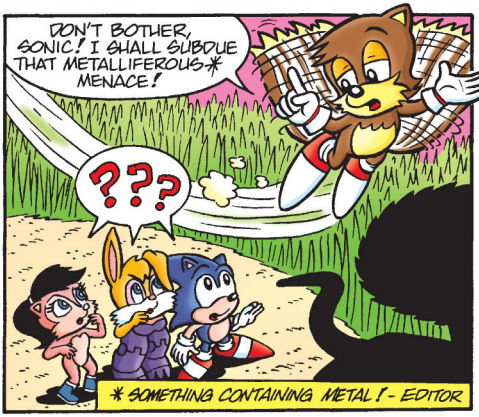

BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP, LITTLE BUDDY, YOU CAN TAKE OVER FOR ME, AND...
WOW! YOU WANT ME TO TAKE OVER FOR YOU? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IMAGINE, ME, TAILS, FILLING IN FOR MY HERO AS LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THANKS, SONIC, I...
TAILS!...
...I WAS ABOUT TO SAY, "CAN YOU TAKE OVER FOR ME AND WATER ROTOR'S PLANTS?!"
OH.
SORRY, LITTLE BUDDY, BUT YOU'RE NOT READY TO BE A LEADER YET! NOW I'VE GOTTA JUICE! LATER, DUDE!
SOON...
(SIGH!) SONIC'S RIGHT! I'M NO LEADER! I CAN'T EVEN GET A LEAD ON THE LOCATION OF SOME FOOD AND I'M HUNGRY FROM ALL THIS WORK!

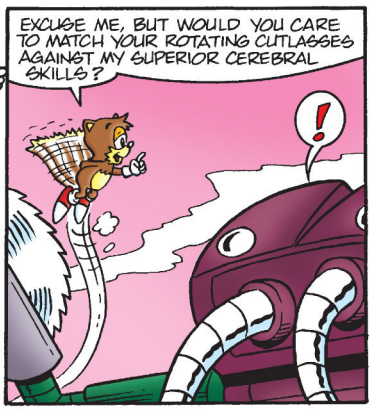

HEY! LOOK AT THE YUMMY PIECE OF FRUIT HANGING FROM THAT BRANCH!
LATER...
--YOU MEAN YOU LEFT TAILS IN CHARGE OF MY GREENHOUSE?
IT'S COOL, ROTOR! HE ONLY WATERED YOUR PLANTS!
...THAT'S SOMETHING EVEN LITTLE TAILS CAN HANDLE!
YOW! HOW DID MY PLANTS GET SO BIG?!
GREETINGS, FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS! IT WAS I WHO CAUSED THE PLANTS TO FLOURISH!
!?
IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, REALLY! I CREATED A NEW PLANT FOOD BASED ON THE EQUATION "X" EQUALS THE DEGREE OF SUNLIGHT TIMES THE NUMBER OF CHROMOSOMES DIVIDED BY THE PROCESS OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS!!
WHA?
HUH?!


LOOK OUT, ROTOR! TAILS' BODY HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AN EVIL ROBOT GARDENER!
WAIT, SONIC! HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT PLANTS, TAILS?
I... I DON'T KNOW...
...I COGITATED THE EQUATION WHILE I WAS CONSUMING THIS PIECE OF FRUIT FROM ONE OF YOUR TREES, ROTOR!
A PIECE OF FRUIT?! OH NO!
WHAT'S UP, ROTOR?
TAILS ATE THE ONLY APPLE I'VE EVER BEEN ABLE TO GROW ON THE MOBIAN TREE OF WISDOM!
THE WHAT?!
"THE TREE OF WISDOM! I FOUND IT IN THE FOREST YEARS AGO AND TRIED TO NURTURE IT! BUT I COULD NEVER GET IT TO YIELD MORE THAN ONE APPLE!"
!
EATING THE FRUIT OF THIS TREE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE A PERSON SUPER INTELLIGENT! I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT---


...TAILS IS NOW A GENIUS!
HELP!
DON'T TELL ME YOU PUT YOUR SHORTS ON BACKWARDS AGAIN, ANTOINE!
NO! I WAS SCOUTING WITH SALLY AND BUNNIE WHEN WE WERE AMBUSHED!
AMBUSHED?!
YES! I MANAGED TO GET AWAY, BUT SALLY AND BUNNIE ARE TRAPPED IN ZE HIGH WEEDS BY ZE GIANT SHREDBOT!
SOON...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S SONIC TO THE RESCUE!
ZOOM
WHIRRR!
WHIRRR!!
(PANT, PANT!) THE SHREDBOT IS RIGHT BEHIND US, BUNNIE!!
KEEP RUNNIN', SUGAH!


I'M NOT PART ROBOT LIKE YOU, BUNNIE! PANT! PANT!: I CAN'T KEEP GOING!!!
SONIC!
HAVE NO FEAR, DUDETTES! I CAN HANDLE THAT OVERSIZED WEED EATER! WATCH THIS...
ZOOM


DON'T BOTHER, SONIC! I SHALL SUBDUE THAT METALLIFEROUS* MENACE!
???
* SOMETHING CONTAINING METAL! - EDITOR


EXCUSE ME, BUT WOULD YOU CARE TO MATCH YOUR ROTATING CUTLASSES AGAINST MY SUPERIOR CEREBRAL SKILLS?
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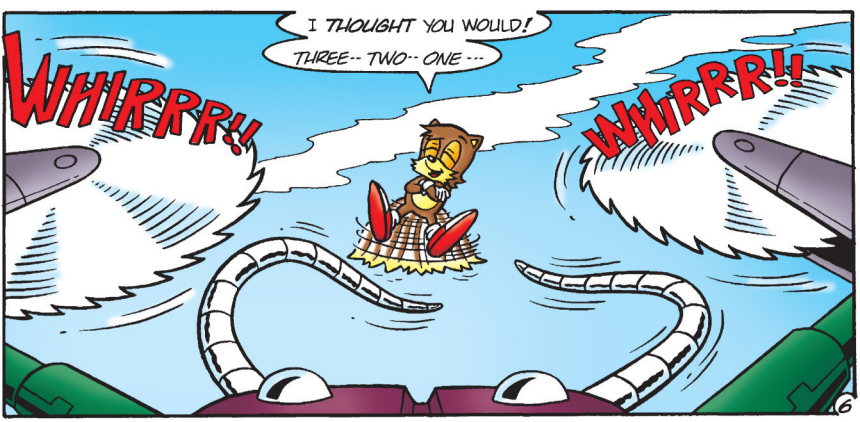
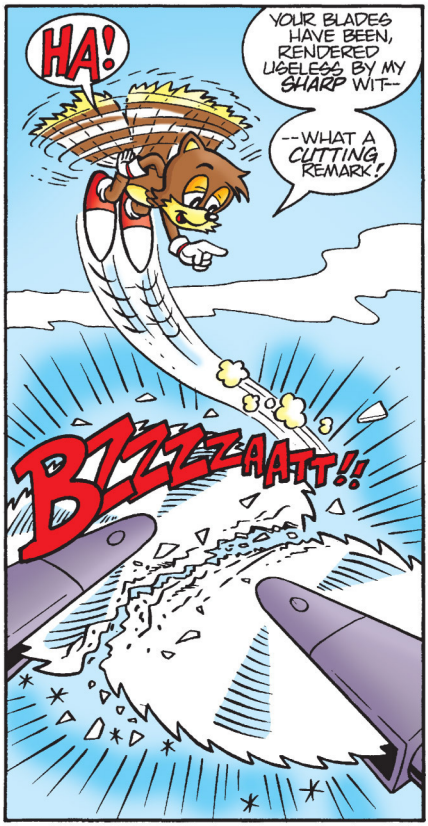
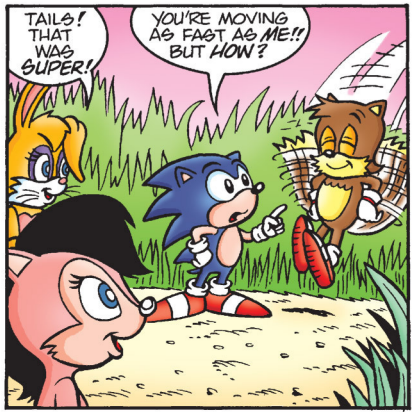
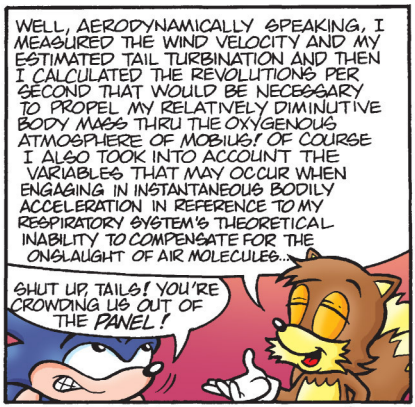
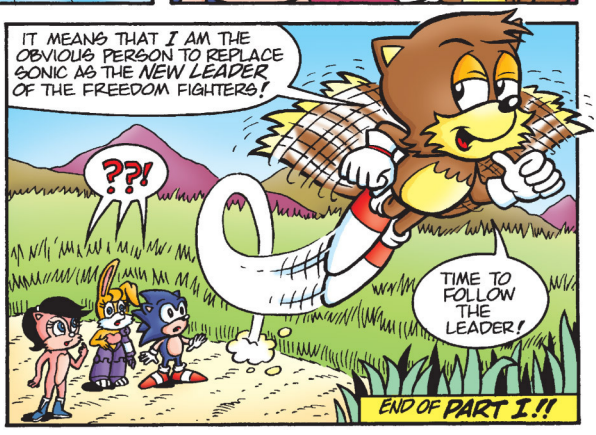

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD!
THREE-- TWO-- ONE ---
WHIRRR!!
WHIRRR!!

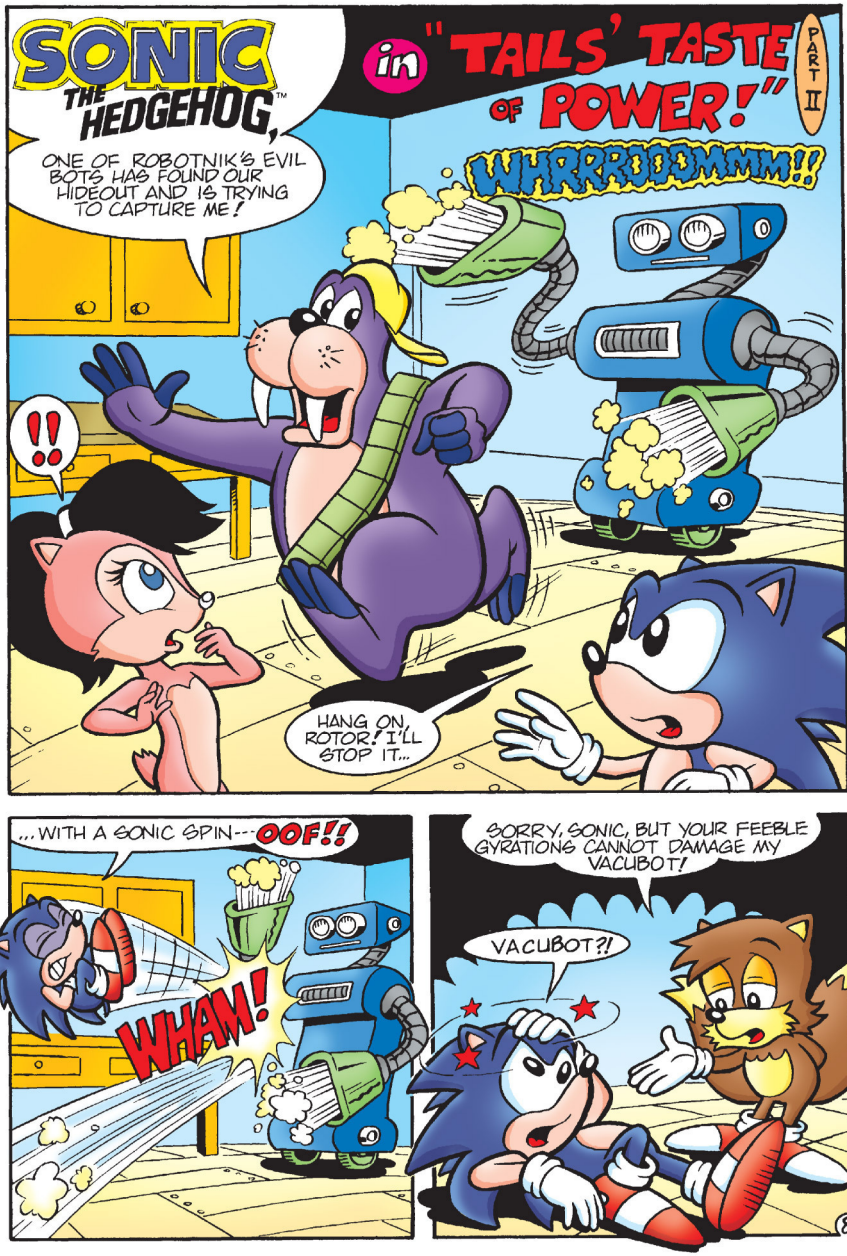

HA!
YOUR BLADES HAVE BEEN, RENDERED USELESS BY MY SHARP WIT--
--WHAT A CUTTING REMARK!
BZZZZAATT!!


TAILS! THAT WAS SUPER!
YOU'RE MOVING AS FAST AS ME!! BUT HOW?


WELL, AERODYNAMICALLY SPEAKING, I MEASURED THE WIND VELOCITY AND MY ESTIMATED TAIL TURBINATION AND THEN I CALCULATED THE REVOLUTIONS PER SECOND THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROPEL MY RELATIVELY DIMINUTIVE BODY MASS THRU THE OXYGENOUS ATMOSPHERE OF MOBIUS! OF COURSE I ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIABLES THAT MAY OCCUR WHEN ENGAGING IN INSTANTANEOUS BODILY ACCELERATION IN REFERENCE TO MY RESPIRATORY SYSTEM'S THEORETICAL INABILITY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF AIR MOLECULES...
SHUT UP, TAILS! YOU'RE CROWDING US OUT OF THE PANEL!

BUT WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN, TAILS?


IT MEANS THAT I AM THE OBVIOUS PERSON TO REPLACE SONIC AS THE NEW LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
??!
TIME TO FOLLOW THE LEADER!
END OF PART I!!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ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL BOTS HAS FOUND OUR HIDEOUT AND IS TRYING TO CAPTURE ME!
WHRRROOMMM!!
!!
HANG ON, ROTOR! I'LL STOP IT...
...WITH A SONIC SPIN---OOF!!
WHAM!
SORRY, SONIC, BUT YOUR FEEBLE GYRATIONS CANNOT DAMAGE MY VACUBOT!
VACUBOT?!
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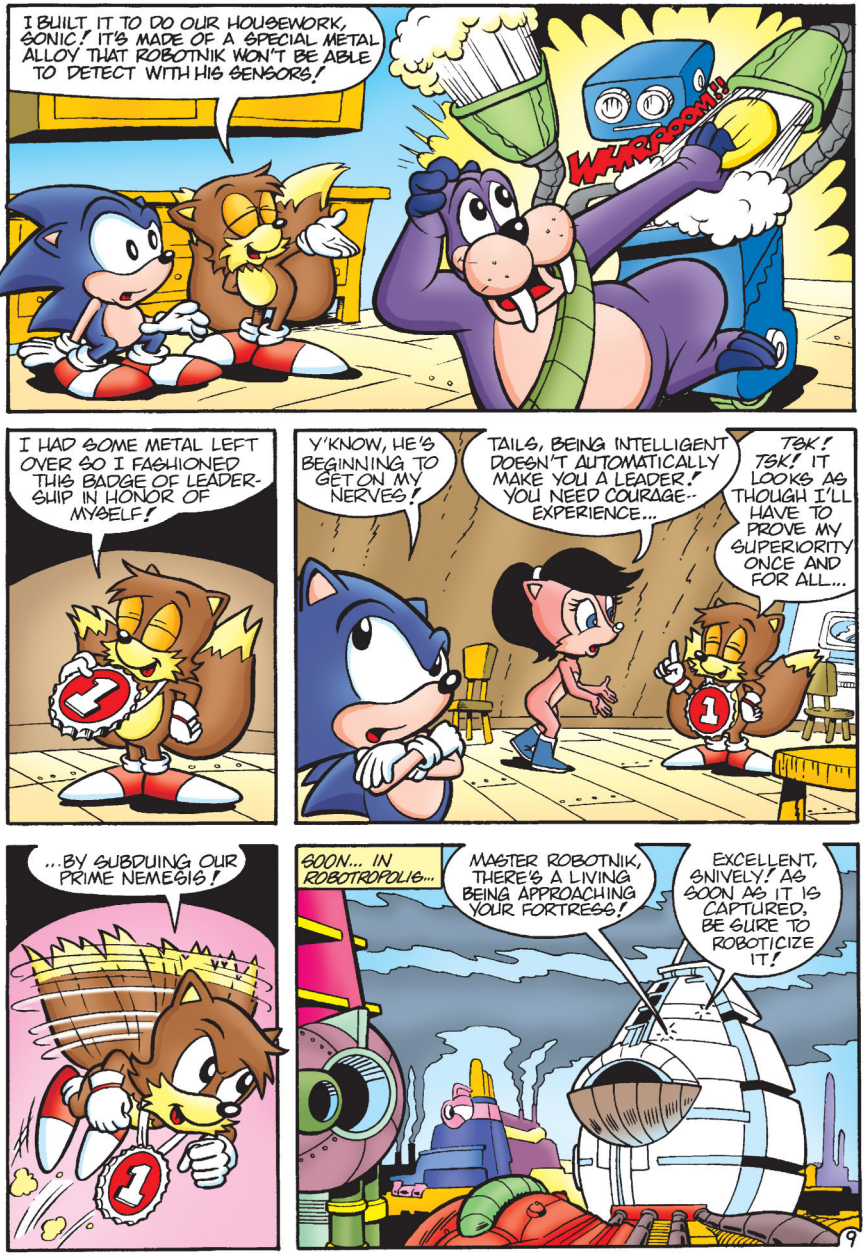
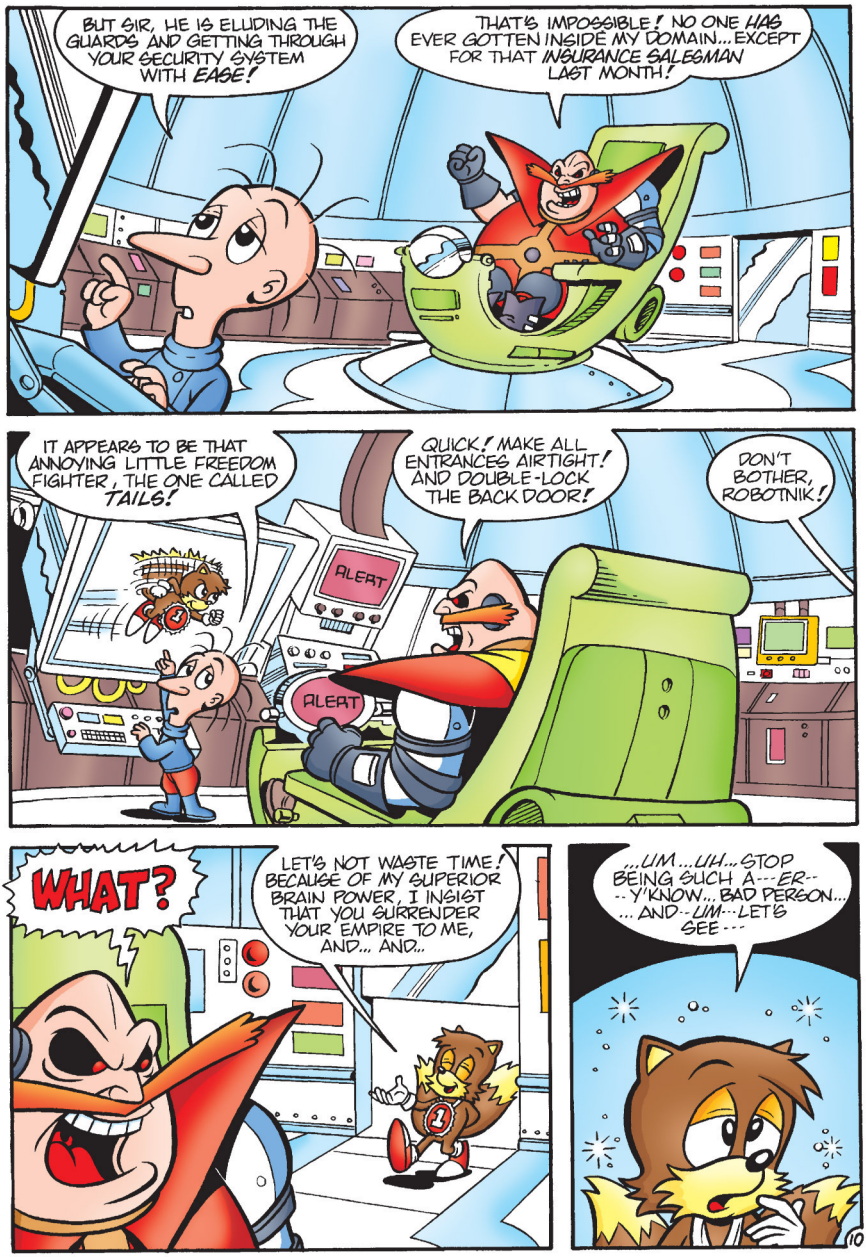
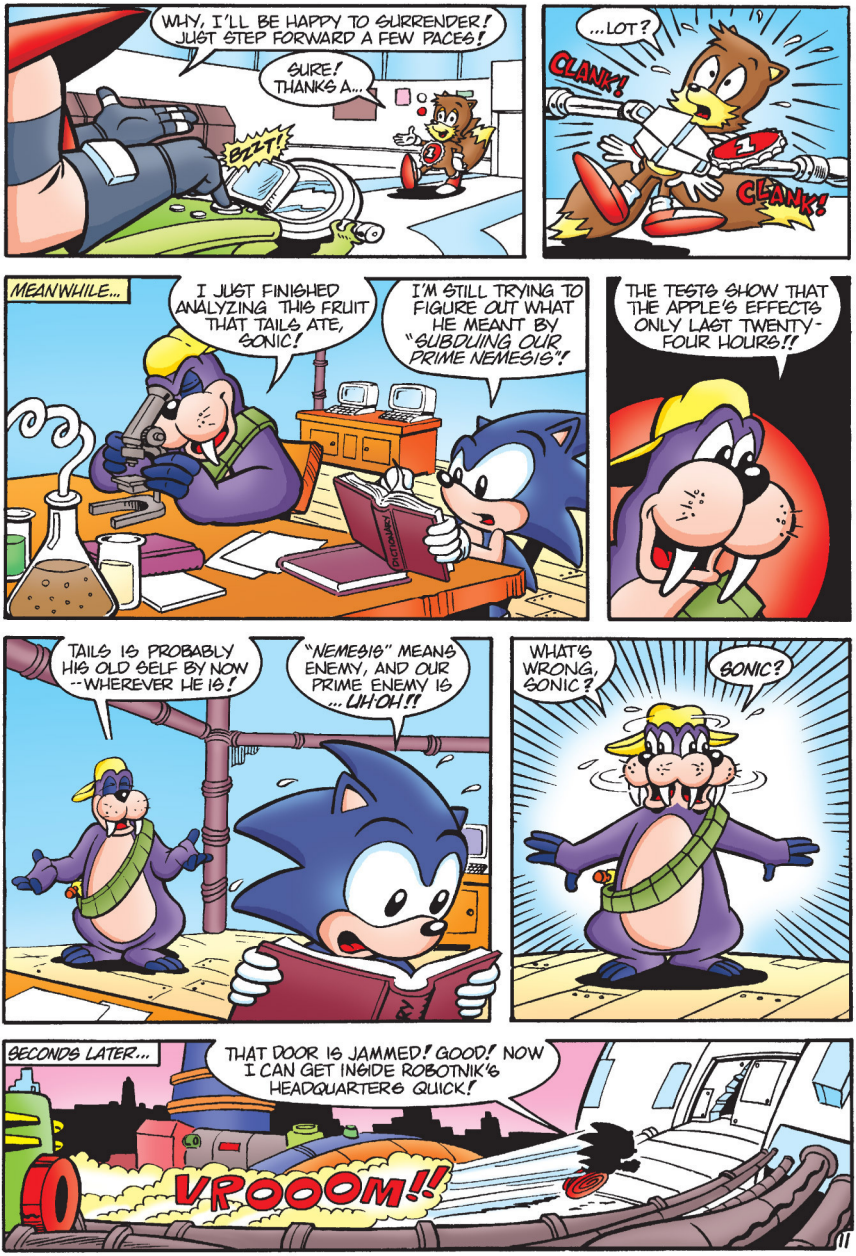
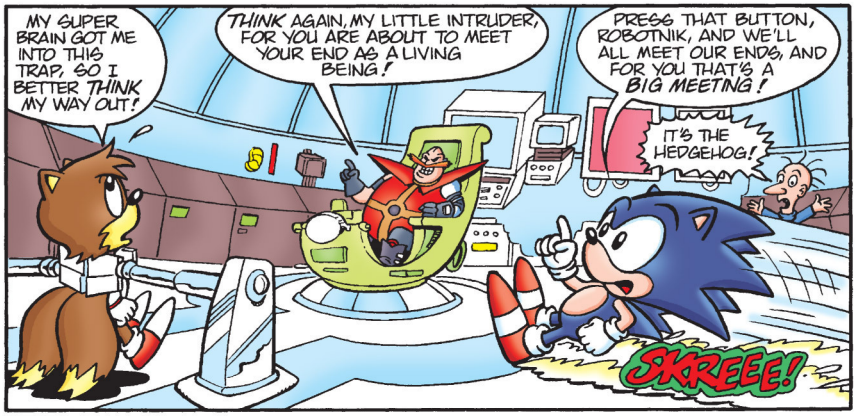
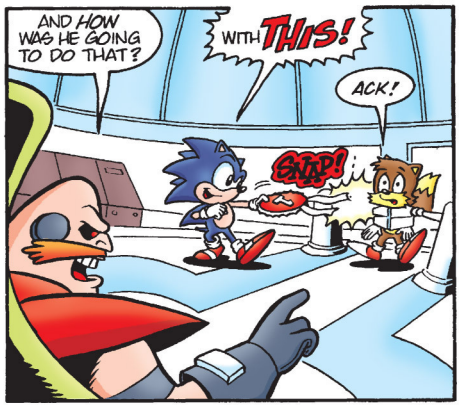

I BUILT IT TO DO OUR HOUSEWORK, SONIC! IT'S MADE OF A SPECIAL METAL ALLOY THAT ROBOTNIK WON'T BE ABLE TO DETECT WITH HIS SENSORS!
WHARROOOM!!!
I HAD SOME METAL LEFT OVER SO I FASHIONED THIS BADGE OF LEADER-SHIP IN HONOR OF MYSELF!
Y'KNOW, HE'S BEGINNING TO GET ON MY NERVES!
TAILS, BEING INTELLIGENT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU A LEADER! YOU NEED COURAGE-- EXPERIENCE...
TSK! TSK! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO PROVE MY SUPERIORITY ONCE AND FOR ALL...
...BY SUBDUING OUR PRIME NEMESIS!
SOON... IN ROBOTROPOLIS...
MASTER ROBOTNIK, THERE'S A LIVING BEING APPROACHING YOUR FORTRESS!
EXCELLENT, SNIVELY! AS SOON AS IT IS CAPTURED, BE SURE TO ROBOTICIZE IT!

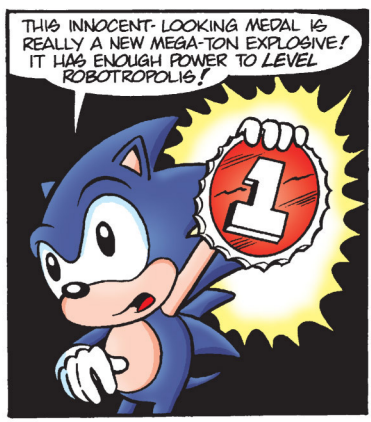

BUT SIR, HE IS ELUDING THE GUARDS AND GETTING THROUGH YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM WITH EASE!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE HAS EVER GOTTEN INSIDE MY DOMAIN... EXCEPT FOR THAT INSURANCE SALESMAN LAST MONTH!
IT APPEARS TO BE THAT ANNOYING LITTLE FREEDOM FIGHTER, THE ONE CALLED TAILS!
QUICK! MAKE ALL ENTRANCES AIRTIGHT! AND DOUBLE-LOCK THE BACK DOOR!
DON'T BOTHER, ROBOTNIK!
ALERT
ALERT
WHAT?
LET'S NOT WASTE TIME! BECAUSE OF MY SUPERIOR BRAIN POWER, I INSIST THAT YOU SURRENDER YOUR EMPIRE TO ME, AND... AND...
...UM...UH...STOP BEING SUCH A---ER-- --Y'KNOW... BAD PERSON... ...AND--UM--LET'S SEE---


WHY, I'LL BE HAPPY TO SURRENDER! JUST STEP FORWARD A FEW PACES!
SURE! THANKS A...
BZZT!
...LOT?
CLANK!
CLANK!
MEANWHILE...
I JUST FINISHED ANALYZING THIS FRUIT THAT TAILS ATE, SONIC!
I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HE MEANT BY "SUBDUING OUR PRIME NEMESIS"!
THE TESTS SHOW THAT THE APPLE'S EFFECTS ONLY LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!!
TAILS IS PROBABLY HIS OLD SELF BY NOW --WHEREVER HE IS!
"NEMESIS" MEANS ENEMY, AND OUR PRIME ENEMY IS ...UH-OH!!
WHAT'S WRONG, SONIC?
SONIC?
SECONDS LATER...
THAT DOOR IS JAMMED! GOOD! NOW I CAN GET INSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS QUICK!
VROOOM!!


MY SUPER BRAIN GOT ME INTO THIS TRAP, SO I BETTER THINK MY WAY OUT!
THINK AGAIN, MY LITTLE INTRUDER, FOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO MEET YOUR END AS A LIVING BEING!
PRESS THAT BUTTON, ROBOTNIK, AND WE'LL ALL MEET OUR ENDS, AND FOR YOU THAT'S A BIG MEETING!
IT'S THE HEDGEHOG!
SKREEE!

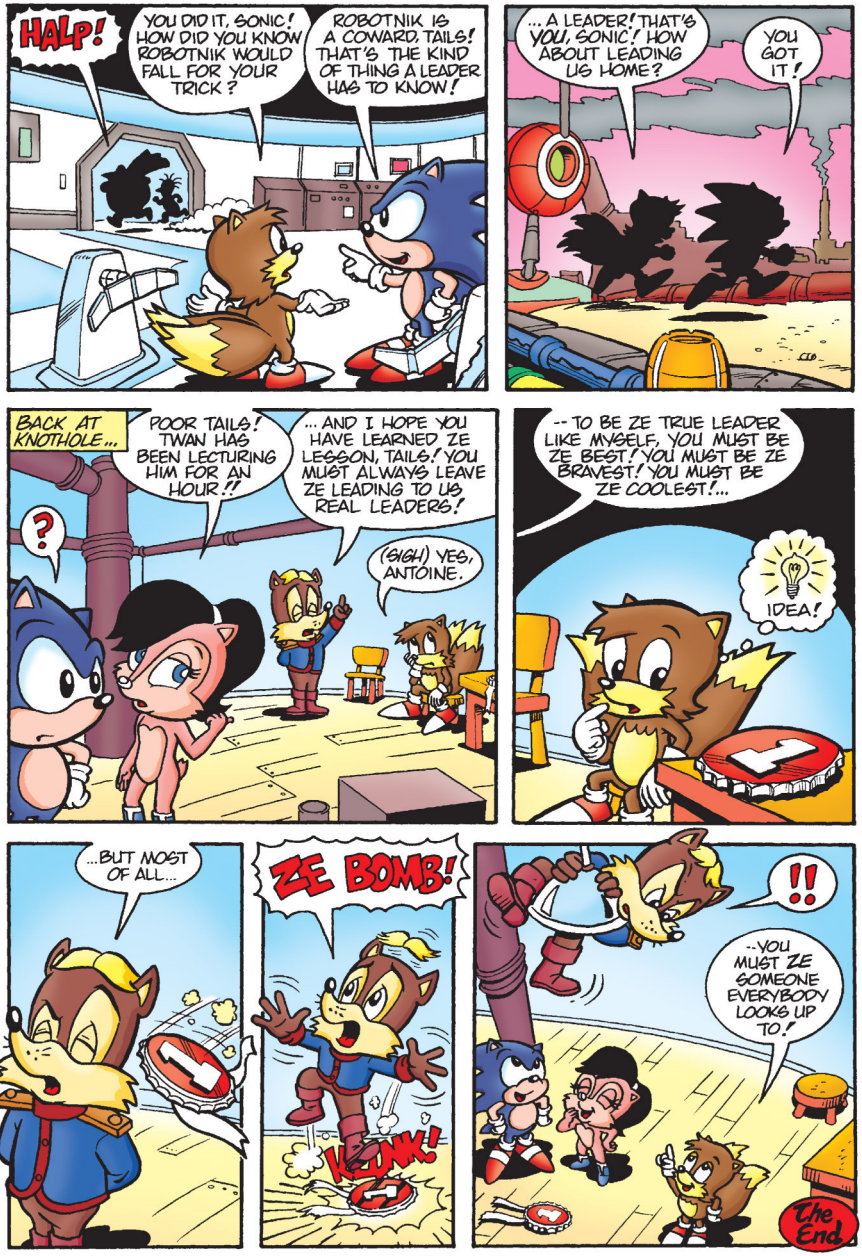
TAILS WAS SENT HERE ON A DEATH-DEFYING MISSION! HE WAS GOING TO DESTROY YOUR ENTIRE CITY... EVEN IF IT MEANT DESTROYING HIMSELF!
I WAS?


AND HOW WAS HE GOING TO DO THAT?
WITH THIS!
ACK!
SNAP!


THIS INNOCENT-LOOKING MEDAL IS REALLY A NEW MEGA-TON EXPLOSIVE! IT HAS ENOUGH POWER TO LEVEL ROBOTROPOLIS!

LIAR!
SCAN THAT TRINKET, SNIVELY, AND TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT IT'S MADE OF!
YES, OH DISCOURTEOUS ONE!

I DON'T GET A READING, SIR! HE MAY BE TELLING THE TRUTH!
NO! NO! IT MUST BE A TRICK!
ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
YOU HAVE FIVE SECONDS TO RELEASE MY FRIEND! FIVE...
BAH! YOU'RE BLUFFING!
...FOUR...
--IT'S-- IT'S A HOAX!
...THREE...
...Y...YOU'LL NEVER GO... TH...TH...THROUGH WITH IT...
...TWO...
...ONE...
STOP!
I'LL RELEASE HIM!! DON'T THROW IT!!
ZZZT!!


HALP!
YOU DID IT, SONIC! HOW DID YOU KNOW ROBOTNIK WOULD FALL FOR YOUR TRICK?
ROBOTNIK IS A COWARD, TAILS! THAT'S THE KIND OF THING A LEADER HAS TO KNOW!
...A LEADER! THAT'S YOU, SONIC! HOW ABOUT LEADING US HOME?
YOU GOT IT!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
POOR TAILS! TWAN HAS BEEN LECTURING HIM FOR AN HOUR!!
...AND I HOPE YOU HAVE LEARNED ZE LESSON, TAILS! YOU MUST ALWAYS LEAVE ZE LEADING TO US REAL LEADERS!
?
(SIGH) YES, ANTOINE.
--TO BE ZE TRUE LEADER LIKE MYSELF, YOU MUST BE ZE BEST! YOU MUST BE ZE BRAVEST! YOU MUST BE ZE COOLEST!...
IDEA!
...BUT MOST OF ALL...
ZE BOMB!
KLONK!
!!
--YOU MUST ZE SOMEONE EVERYBODY LOOKS UP TO!
The End

HI, KIDS!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERE...
in
"DO-IT-YOURSELF"
SONIC
Dear Sonic, GONE FISHIN'! LUV, Ken & Mike!
THE WRITERS ARE ON VACATION THIS WEEK, SO I'M HELPING THEM MEET THEIR DEADLINE BY SCRIPTING THE NEXT THREE PAGES!
WHY DON'T YOU HELP ME HELP THEM BY FILLING IN THE EMPTY WORD BALLOONS AND SOUND EFFECTS!

MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS
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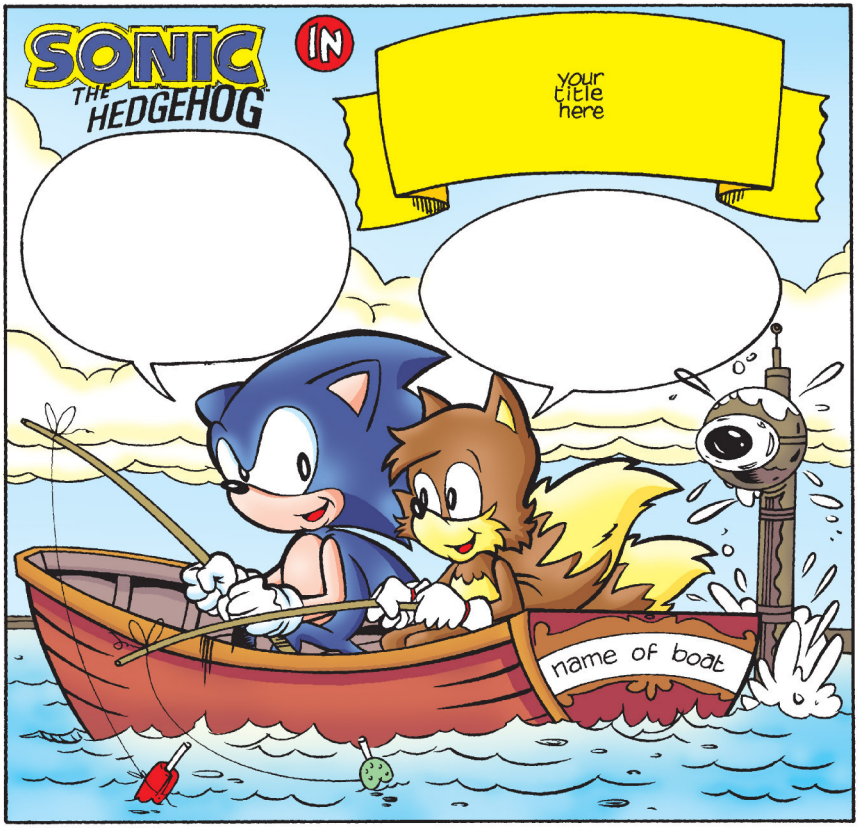

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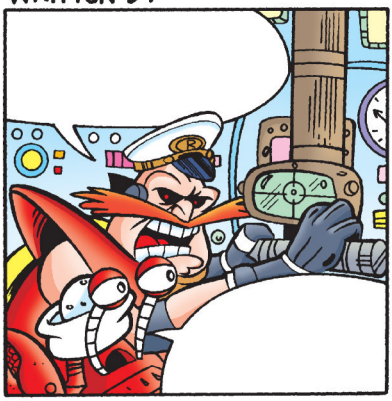

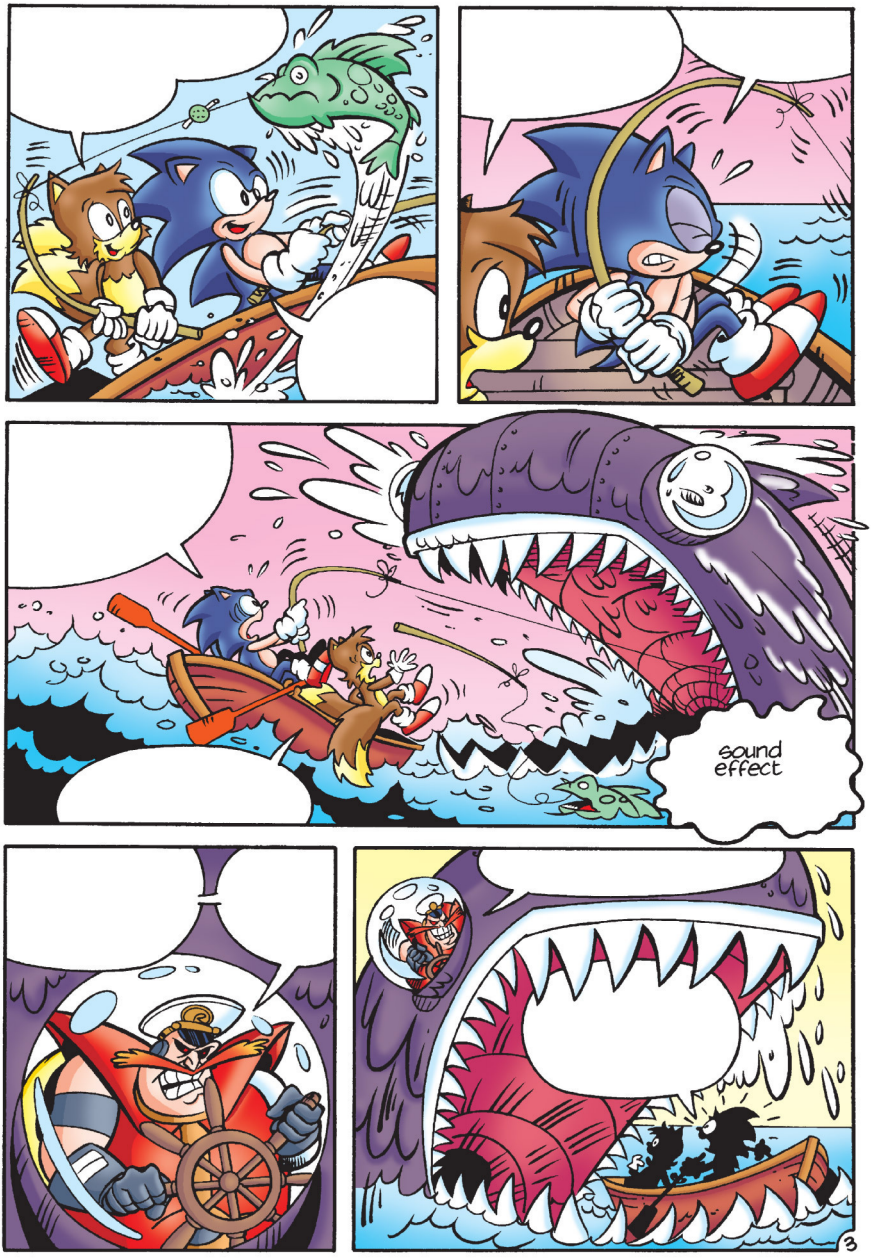
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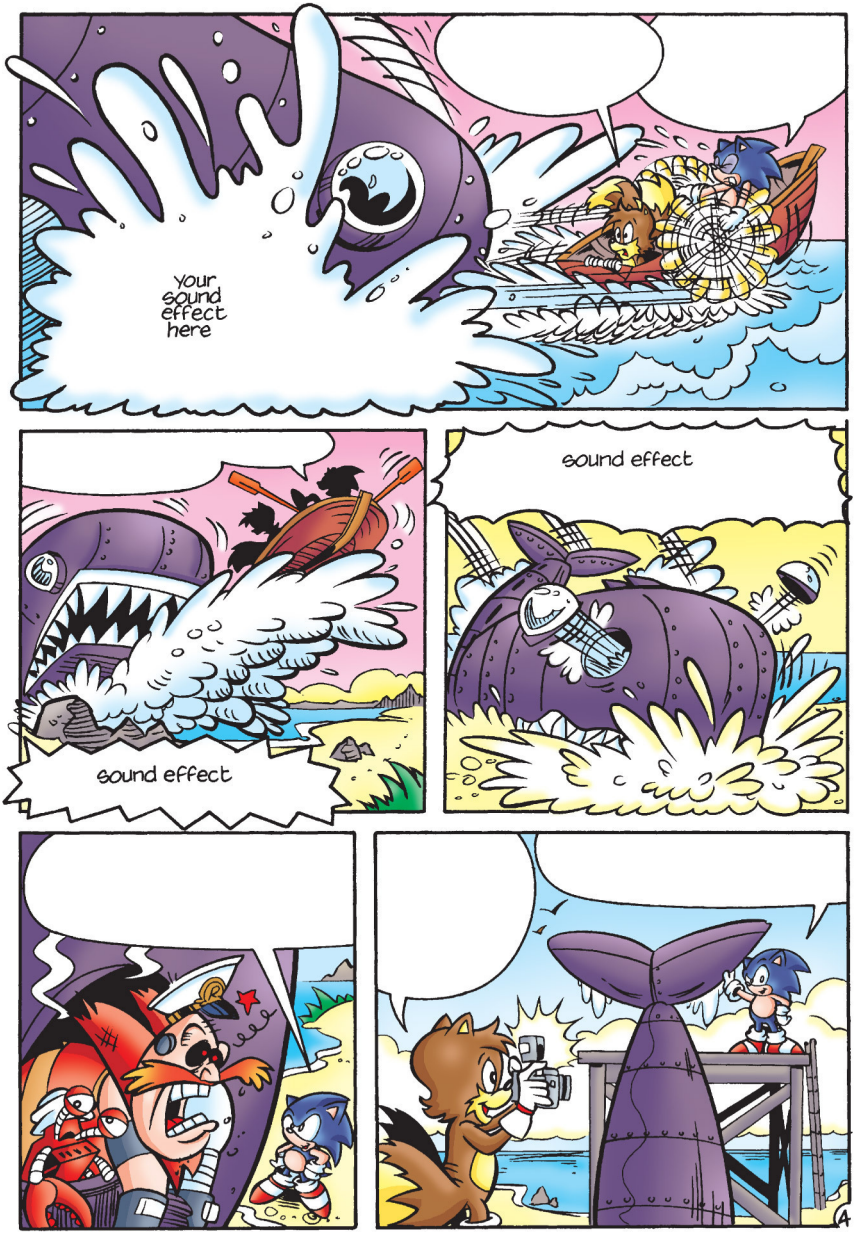
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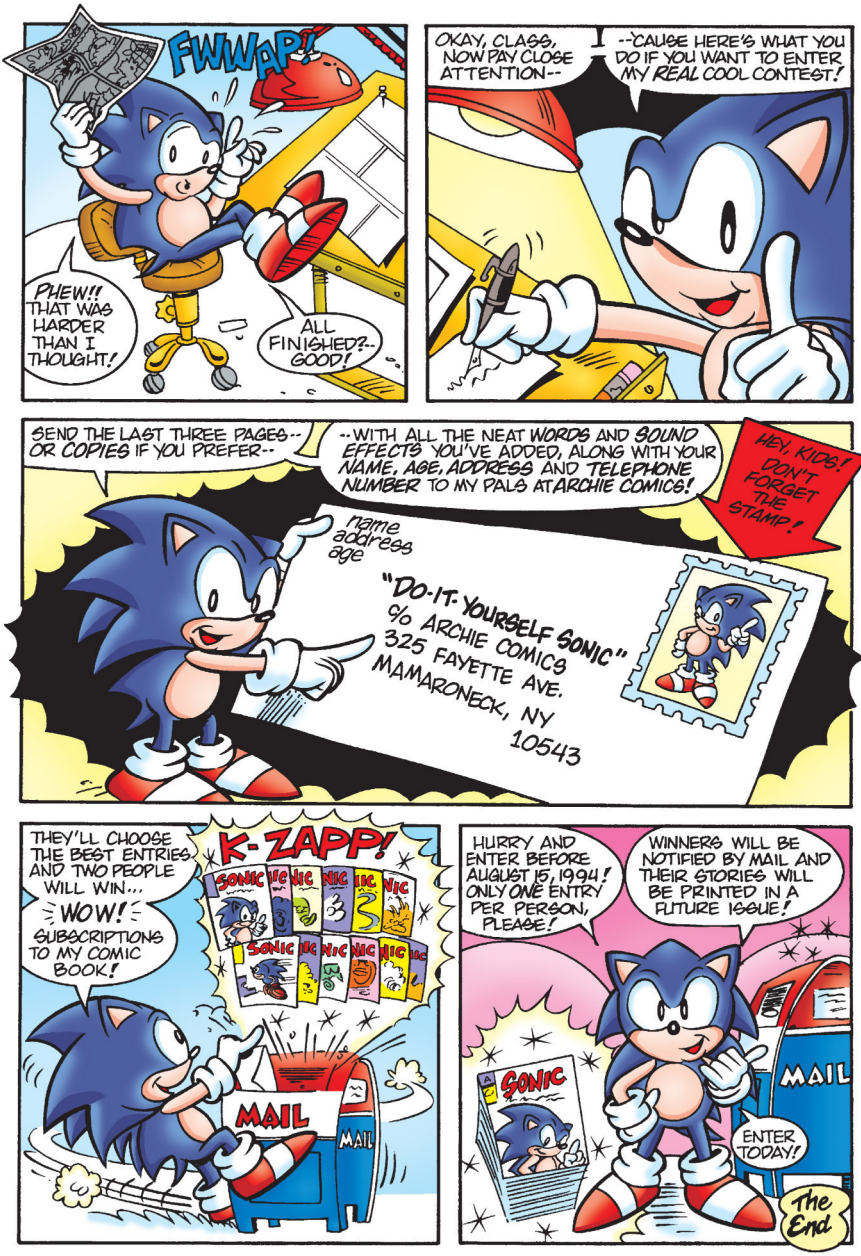
FWWAP!
PHEW!! THAT WAS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!
ALL FINISHED?-- GOOD!
OKAY, CLASS, NOW PAY CLOSE ATTENTION--
--'CAUSE HERE'S WHAT YOU DO IF YOU WANT TO ENTER MY REAL COOL CONTEST!
SEND THE LAST THREE PAGES-- OR COPIES IF YOU PREFER--
--WITH ALL THE NEAT WORDS AND SOUND EFFECTS YOU'VE ADDED, ALONG WITH YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO MY PALS AT ARCHIE COMICS!
HEY, KIDS! DON'T FORGET THE STAMP!
name
address
age
"DO-IT-YOURSELF SONIC"
% ARCHIE COMICS
325 FAYETTE AVE.
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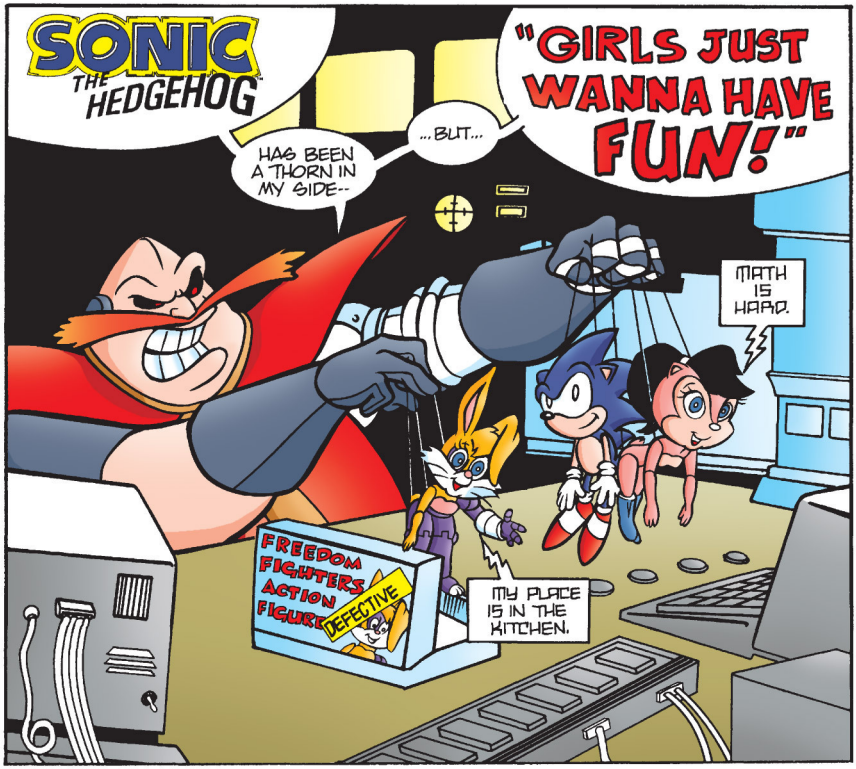
THEY'LL CHOOSE THE BEST ENTRIES AND TWO PEOPLE WILL WIN...
WOW! SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MY COMIC BOOK!
K-ZAPP!
SONIC
MAIL
HURRY AND ENTER BEFORE AUGUST 15, 1994! ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON, PLEASE!
WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND THEIR STORIES WILL BE PRINTED IN A FUTURE ISSUE!
ENTER TODAY!
The End



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PLAYING WITH YOUR TOYS AGAIN, M'LORD?
ERR... UMM... NO, OF COURSE NOT!
MERELY PLOTTING AND SCHEMING, SCHEMING AND PLOTTING!
Y'KNOW, THE USUAL THING!
SLAM!

OF COURSE, SIR! WHATEVER COULD WE HAVE BEEN THINKING?
AND WHAT, PRAY TELL, ARE THE DETAILS OF YOUR LATEST MASTER PLAN?
IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO THESE THREE SIMPLE WORDS--
KNOW THY ENEMY!
AND I KNOW THAT THESE ENEMIES ARE A FORMIDABLE TEAM--
--BUT SEPARATED, THEY'RE WEAKLINGS!
-IF YOU CAN READ THIS-- YOU'RE TOO CLOSE—
ONCE WE'VE ELIMINATED THE HEDGEHOG--
RIP!
--AND MOST OF THE OTHER TOKEN HEROES--
SHRED! RIP! SHRED!
--WE ARE LEFT WITH...
TA-DA! PAPER DOLLS...
...WHICH CAN BE EASILY SHREDDED!
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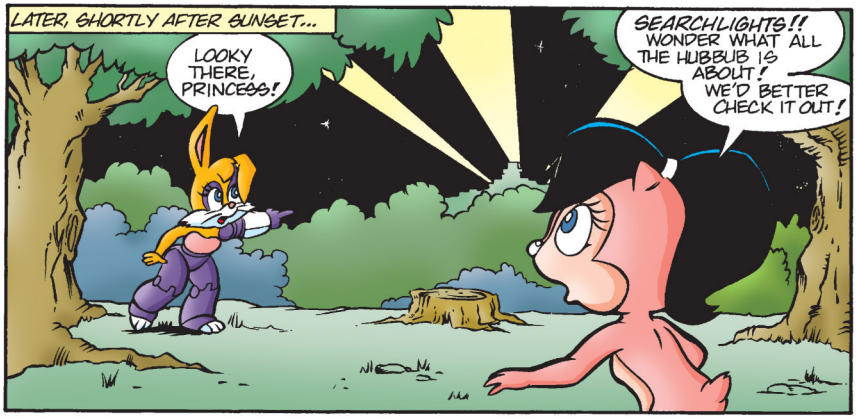
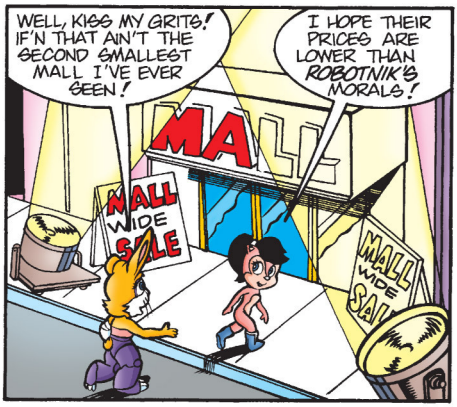

LATER, SHORTLY AFTER SUNSET...
LOOKY THERE, PRINCESS!
SEARCHLIGHTS!! WONDER WHAT ALL THE HUBBUB IS ABOUT! WE'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT!


WELL, KISS MY GRITS! IF'N THAT AIN'T THE SECOND SMALLEST MALL I'VE EVER SEEN!
I HOPE THEIR PRICES ARE LOWER THAN ROBOTNIK'S MORALS!
MALL WIDE SALE
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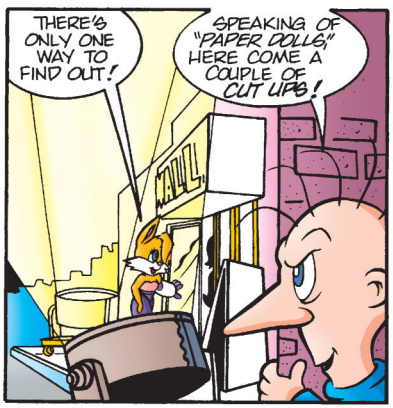
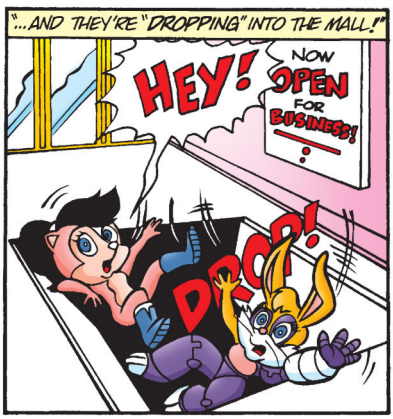
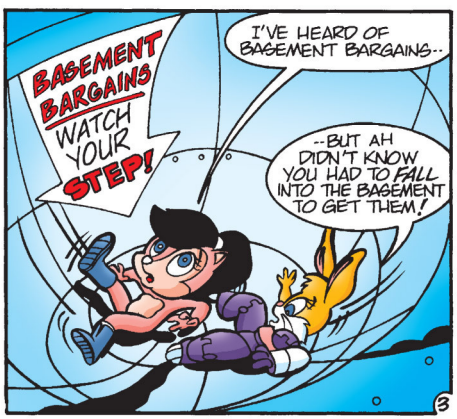
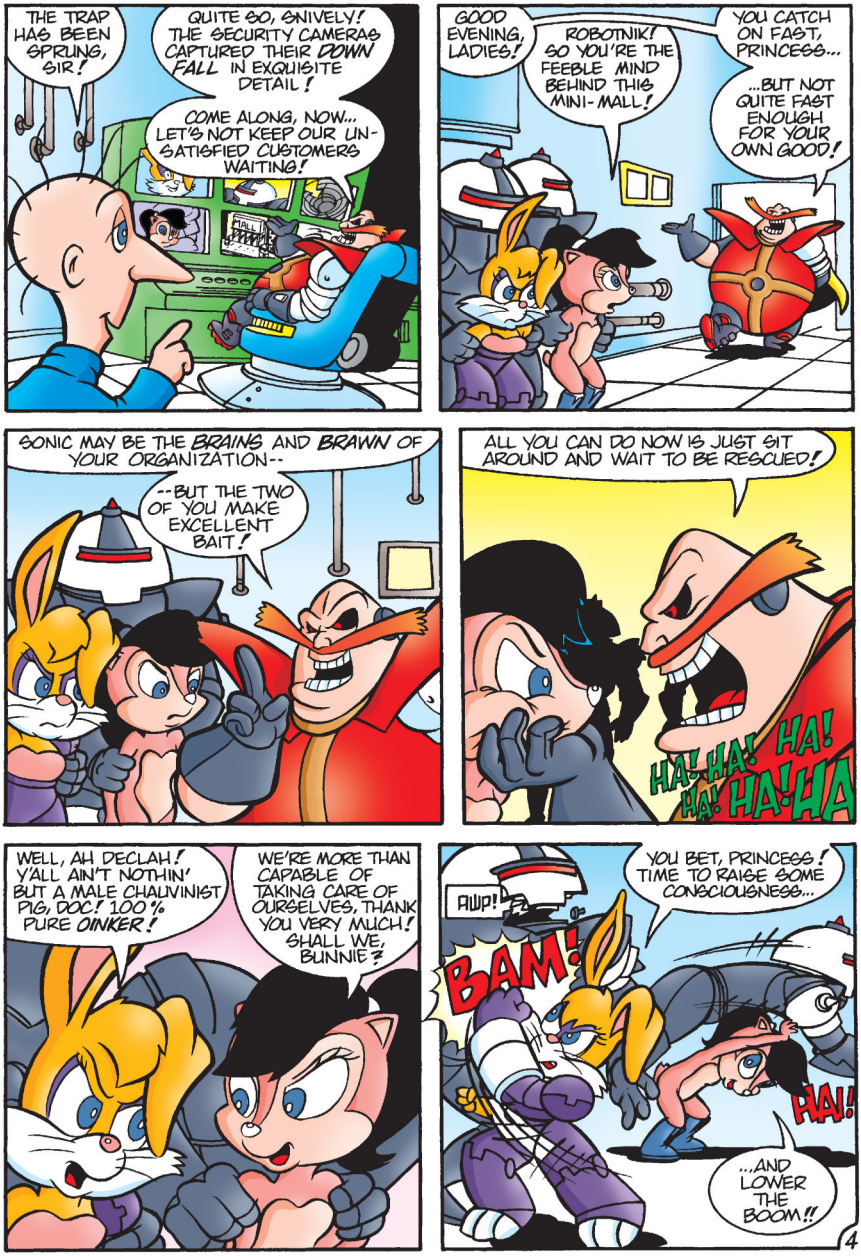
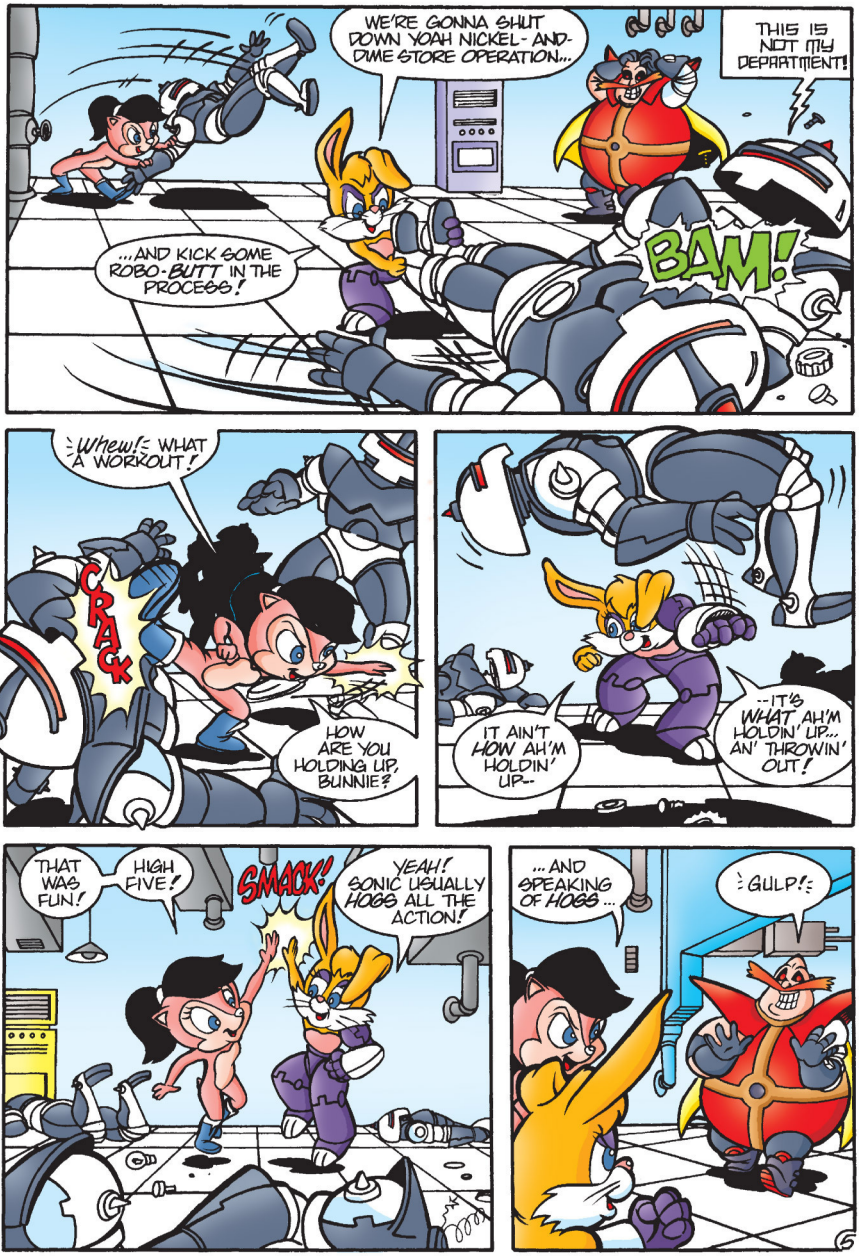
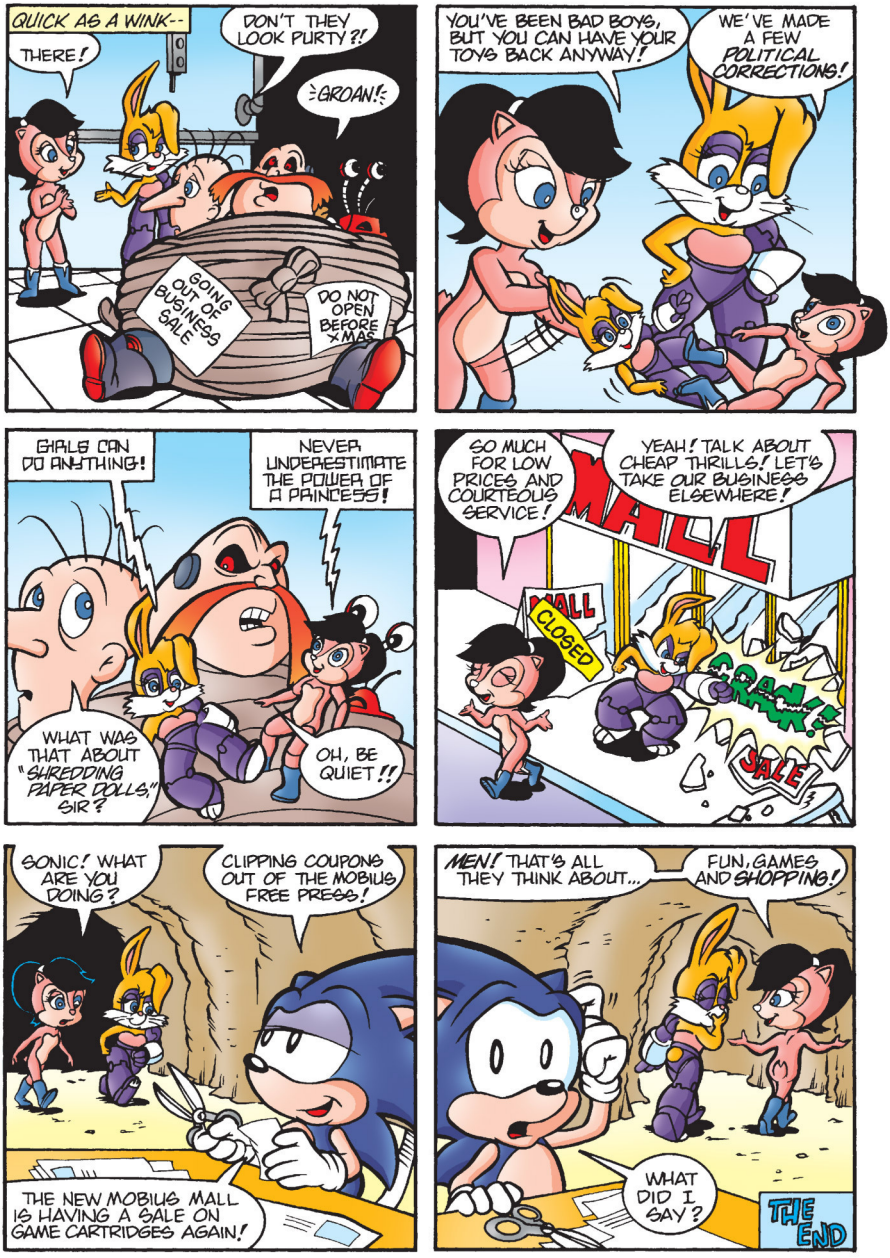

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
SPEAKING OF "PAPER DOLLS," HERE COME A COUPLE OF CUT UPS!
MALL


"...AND THEY'RE "DROPPING" INTO THE MALL!"
HEY!
NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!
DROP!


BASEMENT BARGAINS
WATCH YOUR STEP!
I'VE HEARD OF BASEMENT BARGAINS..
--BUT AH DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD TO FALL INTO THE BASEMENT TO GET THEM!


THE TRAP HAS BEEN SPRUNG, SIR!
QUITE SO, SNIVELY! THE SECURITY CAMERAS CAPTURED THEIR DOWN FALL IN EXQUISITE DETAIL!
COME ALONG, NOW... LET'S NOT KEEP OUR UNSATISFIED CUSTOMERS WAITING!
GOOD EVENING, LADIES!
ROBOTNIK! SO YOU'RE THE FEEBLE MIND BEHIND THIS MINI-MALL!
YOU CATCH ON FAST, PRINCESS...
...BUT NOT QUITE FAST ENOUGH FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
SONIC MAY BE THE BRAINS AND BRAWN OF YOUR ORGANIZATION--
--BUT THE TWO OF YOU MAKE EXCELLENT BAIT!
ALL YOU CAN DO NOW IS JUST SIT AROUND AND WAIT TO BE RESCUED!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
WELL, AH DECLAH! Y'ALL AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A MALE CHAUVINIST PIG, DOC! 100% PURE OINKER!
WE'RE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! SHALL WE, BUNNIE?
AWP!
BAM!
YOU BET, PRINCESS! TIME TO RAISE SOME CONSCIOUSNESS...
HA!
...AND LOWER THE BOOM!!


WE'RE GONNA SHUT DOWN YOAH NICKEL-AND-DIME STORE OPERATION...
THIS IS NOT MY DEPARTMENT!
...AND KICK SOME ROBO-BUTT IN THE PROCESS!
BAM!
:Whew!: WHAT A WORKOUT!
CRACK
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, BUNNIE?
IT AIN'T HOW AH'M HOLDIN' UP--
--IT'S WHAT AH'M HOLDIN' UP... AN' THROWIN' OUT!
THAT WAS FUN!
HIGH FIVE!
SMACK!
YEAH! SONIC USUALLY HOGS ALL THE ACTION!
... AND SPEAKING OF HOGS ...
:GULP!:


QUICK AS A WINK--
THERE!
DON'T THEY LOOK PURTY?!
:GROAN!:
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE
DO NOT OPEN BEFORE X-MAS
YOU'VE BEEN BAD BOYS, BUT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR TOYS BACK ANYWAY!
WE'VE MADE A FEW POLITICAL CORRECTIONS!
GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING!
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A PRINCESS!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT "SHREDDING PAPER DOLLS," SIR?
OH, BE QUIET!!
SO MUCH FOR LOW PRICES AND COURTEOUS SERVICE!
YEAH! TALK ABOUT CHEAP THRILLS! LET'S TAKE OUR BUSINESS ELSEWHERE!
MALL
CLOSED
SALE
SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CLIPPING COUPONS OUT OF THE MOBIUS FREE PRESS!
THE NEW MOBIUS MALL IS HAVING A SALE ON GAME CARTRIDGES AGAIN!
MEN! THAT'S ALL THEY THINK ABOUT...
FUN, GAMES AND SHOPPING!
WHAT DID I SAY?
THE END